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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMIREX

SUBJECT: Percent of Film From Mission 1108 for MC&G Purposes Outside
the Sino Soviet Area

1. DoD is presently using available KH-4 satellite photography for medium scale mapping and charting and general tactical support for the higher priority contingency areas outside the Sino Soviet totalling over 5 million square statute miles. While these areas, generally outside the tropical belt, are about 65% covered with satellite photography, the production of new mapping and charting is being thwarted because there are many gaps and slivers throughout the covered areas resulting in complete coverage on hand for only about 1/3 of the individual sheets. Suitable existing aerial photography can be used to fill out only about 15% of these sheets.

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2. For proceeding with MC&G production, alternatives available include producing partial sheets, filling out remaining sheet areas with inadequate source materials, reorienting available aerial photo capability to complete gap areas, where possible, and completing gap areas with KH-4 satellite photography. These alternatives are being evaluated to establish the best solution to this gap problem. A briefing including information given to you on 1 December is available for further explaining the gap problem, together with recent coverage analysis by NRO available in the intelligence and MC&G community.

3. For mission 1108 the following is recommended:

a. That ICRS be instructed to place increased emphasis on collection for MC&G purposes outside the Sino Soviet area.

b. That ICRS and representatives of the MCGWG work together to establish the most efficient use of the film of mission 1108 in light of increased emphasis of paragraph 3.a. above.

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DIA review(s) completed.

NRO review(s) completed.

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